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To: R6 Daily Ops

Subject: Daily Ops 07/03/2018 -- No New Significant Events -- Update on NewPark Drilling Fluids Fire

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With Regards, Steve



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"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

R6 Daily Ops Status Report

Current Status (6:51 AM CDT on 7/3/2018)

Personnel				
R1:	A Adams	Outposted OSC's		
Tel Duty:	Mason	Houston, TX/Zehner	Available	
Available OSC's:				
A Adams	Baxter	Brescia		
E Delgado	Enders	Guidry		
Hayes	Martin	Mason		
McAteer	Moore	P Adams		
Unavailable OSC's:				
Bernier	Fife	P Delgado		
Rhotenberry				

Reported Activities (7/2/2018 6:30:00 AM CDT - 7/3/2018 6:50:00 AM CDT)

Spill Notifications				
State	Oil	Haz	Rad	Other
AR	0	0	0	0
LA	0	1	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	7	1	0	1
TX	1	5	0	0
Total	8	7	0	1 = 16

Significant Events

Location: Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas

Description: The fire at the NewPark Drilling Fluids facility continues to burn. Field activities for EPA and START began with evaluation of the pathway from the fire to Escondido Creek. Escondido Creek is approximately 1,425 feet south of the

south entrance to the facility and flows in to the San Antoine River. The Fire Chief inspected the building and determined the building unsafe to enter. The RP has set up a command post and is planning future operations. The RP has begun clean up of the ground around the facility and has placed a berm to restrict the flow water and chemical in the ditch. Recovery of water and chemical in the ditch began this afternoon, using a vacuum truck. Soil will be removed once the fire is out. At the request of the fire department, START conducted air monitoring operations on Freeny Drive and around the apartment complexes to the North and North West of the facility. Focus was on the evacuated complexes. The team made multiple sweeps in locations throughout the complexes. Air monitoring readings were recorded as high as 13 ppm of CO, and .6 ppm VOC. There were no elevated readings of O2, LEL, or H2S. Air monitoring reading recorded in other apartments were recorded at 11 ppm of CO, and 0.5 ppm VOC. There were no other elevated or abnormal readings on O2, LEL, or H2S. The EPA provided the information to the fire department so they could evaluate the duration of evacuation and if residents could be allowed temporary access in to recover pets and medications. A command briefing was held at 7:00 PM to discuss future operations. The Fire Chief will again inspect the building at 8:00 AM on July 3, 2018 to determine if the building may be entered. The Insurance personnel will be on site in the morning to assess the damage and gather information. If entry is allowed this morning, the fire will be extinguished and the start of cleanup began.

Field Operations

No Ops Log entries for this reporting period

Exercises

No exercises for this reporting period